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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-7, 12-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: pages 22-23 include blanks, i.e. "XXXX", "XXX" and "200X". Appropriate correction is required. It is assumed that the blanks will be replaced with the deposit accession number and dates of deposit.

Applicant's statement regarding deposit on pages 22-23 of the specification, complying with 35 USC 112, first paragraph, and 37 CFR 1.801-1.809, is noted.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 10 objected to because they include blanks, i.e. "XXXX". Appropriate correction is required. It is assumed that the blanks will be replaced with the deposit accession number and dates of deposit.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 6-7 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Dependent claims are included in all rejections.

Claim 6 is indefinite in its dependence upon itself. Replacement of "6" in line 1 with ---5-- would obviate this rejection.

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Claim 12 is indefinite in its recitation of “genetic material...herbicide resistance” which is confusing in equating genetic material with a particular trait. Insertion of the phrase ---conferring a trait--- in line 2 of claim 12, after “material”, would obviate this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

The claims are deemed free of the prior art, given the failure of the prior art to teach or reasonably suggest a soybean variety with the complete genetic and morphological complement of the claimed variety, or methods for its use. The closest prior art, US 6,369,300, to Freestone, teaches a soybean variety which differs from the claimed variety in at least the following characteristics: iron deficiency chlorosis, % seed protein and % seed oil (see, e.g., column 8 TABLE 1).

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cynthia Collins whose telephone number is (571) 272-0794. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:45 AM -5:15 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anne Marie Grunberg can be reached on (571) 272-0975. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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